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EDUCATION

Jindal Global Law School, O.P Jindal Global University

Aug 2017 - Aug 2022

B.A. LL.B (Hons.)

C.G.P.A 6.8/8

Enrolled in courses such as “Copyright Law and Music”, “Media and Entertainment Law”, “Law of Radio Sensing Broadcasting and Telecommunications”, “Sports Law & Governance”, “Law of Outer Space”.

Army Public School, Kolkata

Jun 2015 - May 2017

CBSE (Class XI-XII)

93%

CERTIFIED ONLINE COURSES - Contract Law: From Trust to Promise to a Contract (Harvard Law School); Intellectual Property Law and Policy {Part 1&2} (University of Pennsylvania); Copyright Law in the Music Business (Berklee College of Music).

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent

- Advised “The Lazy Trunks” on copyright and trademark infringement, developing a brand strategy to protect their IP.
- Managing trademark filings for “Giggle and Glaze” to ensure brand protection.
- Serving as legal and IP advisor for “Darji Gal” providing guidance on IP protection and compliance.

Chambers of Sr. Adv. Mr. Chander M. Lall, Associate

September 2023 – Present

Areas of Practice: Intellectual Property Law, Civil Law

Gained extensive experience under the guidance of Mr. Chander M. Lall in handling contentious matters across trade marks, copyrights, patents, and designs, with a focus on litigating infringement cases along with other areas of Civil Law.

- Responsible for briefing Senior Advocate Mr. Chander M. Lall on all ongoing legal cases, preparing comprehensive notes that include case details, legal arguments, and supporting case law for strategic argumentation.
- Conducted thorough vetting of pleadings in collaboration with Mr. Lall to ensure accuracy, consistency, and strategic alignment with case objectives.
- Participated in the Full Bench hearing of *The Hershey Company* case, addressing the jurisdiction of High Courts over Trade Mark Registries.
 - Conducted extensive research on key legal issues, including cause of action, writ jurisdiction, and appeals to High Courts from tribunals (e.g., Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Central Excise Tax Tribunal).
 - Performed a detailed analysis of the Trade Marks Act, 1940, Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, and Trade Marks Act, 1999, along with a comprehensive review of the TradeMark Rules from 1958, 2002, and 2017.
 - Collaborated with Mr. Lall and Briefing Counsels to draft and finalize Written Submissions for filing in Court.
- Handled multiple cases involving ‘Phonographic Performance Limited’ and ‘Novex Communications’, focusing on copyright infringement and the legal framework governing the exploitation of music by private entities under Section 33 of the Copyright Act, 1957.
 - Additionally, conducted in-depth analysis of statutory Compulsory Licensing provisions (u/s 31D) for sound recordings and compliance with the Copyright Rules, 2013, leading to comprehensive research that supported an application for opposing grant of a Compulsory License.
- Actively contributed to multiple SEP suits, focusing on securing pro tem reliefs at the interim stage and analyzing relevant standards and standard-setting organizations.
 - Conducted extensive research on domestic and international SEP jurisprudence, including pro tem reliefs and self-declaration, which informed case strategies and strengthened arguments for favorable interim orders.
- Researched the powers and jurisdiction of the ‘Advertising Standards Council of India’ (ASCI), demonstrating that its authority is regulatory in nature and not legally binding, particularly for non-members.
- Conducted extensive research on groundless legal threats under the Copyright Act, 1957 focusing on bad faith and due diligence in filing suits, which was applied in an Order 7 Rule 11, Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 application against a suit for groundless legal threats.
- Researched legal avenues for claiming lost rent due to delays in property possession by builders, focusing on breach of contract, damages, and buyer remedies under real estate and consumer protection laws.
- Analyzed the concept of “intention” of parties in relation to gift deeds and contracts, focusing on its judicial interpretation and application in Indian legal precedents.
- Conducted research on the key factors courts consider in custody petitions, focusing on the welfare of the child, including parental fitness, emotional bonds, stability, and the child's best interests. This research was applied to a custody petition

to highlight that financial stability and the child's education are critical factors in determining custody arrangements.

- Reviewed extensive judgements and created detailed storyboards for advertisements cited in Mr. Lall's book on Comparative Advertising, ensuring accuracy and clarity for each case. Currently conducting in-depth research on standard essential patent litigation in international jurisdictions; Germany, Brazil, Hong Kong, and Japan for his upcoming book on 'Global SEP Law', providing comprehensive insights into international legal trends.
- Prepared seminar materials and presentations for Mr. Lall, analyzing the interplay between trade secrets, patents, and AI, and highlighting key legal factors courts consider in determining what qualifies as a trade secret.
- Additionally, prepared a presentation on High Court orders against the Trademarks Registry, analyzing Section 91 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999 appeals and highlighting judicial criticism of examiners for issuing mechanical orders without proper reasoning.

Chadha & Chadha IP, Associate

August 2022 – September 2023

Area of Practice: Trade Mark Litigation, IP Advisory

- Drafted Cease and Desist Notices and pleadings for trademark and copyright infringement, passing off, non-compete clauses, and confidentiality violations.
- Drafted a Writ Petition for the revival of a patent application deemed abandoned.
- Drafted settlement agreements, co-existence agreements, undertakings, and IP contracts, including licensing, technology transfer, and confidentiality agreements.
- Managed client communication, case management, and contract drafting/reviewing.
- Conducted trademark investigations and drafted appeals under Section 91 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, against orders of the Trademark Registrar.

Key Contributions:

- Prepared advisory opinions on various aspects of Intellectual Property Rights including confidentiality, jurisdiction, transborder reputation and so on.
- Prepared an advisory note for a foreign entity on data protection and sensitivity concerning the collection of sensitive information through mobile applications, with a focus on compliance with data privacy regulations and best practices.
- Researched the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in India, with a focus on the scope of objections based on "public policy" under Indian law. Subsequently, drafted a rejoinder for an ongoing execution petition, addressing key legal arguments and defenses.
- Prepared an advisory opinion on the regulation of energy drinks, covering aspects related to their manufacture, distribution, sale, import, export, advertising, and labeling, in compliance with applicable legal and regulatory frameworks.
- Briefing of Senior Counsel and preparation of Note of Arguments in *Ruptech Educational India v. Scottish International School & Ors.* CS (COMM) 749/2022.
- Drafted comprehensive notes of arguments to assist counsel during hearings before the Trademark Registry, focusing on addressing and overcoming objections raised during the trademark registration process.

RELEVANT PRE-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE

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| • JusIP Law Firm, Chandigarh | June 2020/ December 2021 |
| • CyberEQ, Australia | July 2021 |
| • Burgeon Law Firm, Delhi | June 2021 |

PUBLICATIONS

- From Art to Industry: Decoding the Clash between Copyright and Design in Indian Law [[Link](#)]
- Addressing the Issue: ASCI's Role and the Limits of its Authority [[Link](#)]
- The Saga of Online Gaming in India [[Link](#)]
- Anti-Doping Laws in India [[Link](#)]
- Analysis of 'IT Amendment Rules, 2022' and 'Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2022'.
- The 2011 Military Intervention in Libya: its Legality and Legitimacy [[Link](#)]

CO-SCHOLASTIC CREDENTIALS

- Inducted Member of the Moot Court Society, Jindal Global Law School (2021).
 - Participated in the 10th National Checkmate Moot Court Competition.
- Content Writer – Jindal Forum for Space Law (JFSL).
- NBA Journalist - Essential Sports [[Link](#)]